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OHSBCA Selects Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award Recipients



Each year, the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association has the opportunity to recognize and honor a boys and girls coach with the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity (SEI) Award. The recipients are selected by a committee that is made up of boys and girls basketball coaches across the state of Ohio. Individuals selected should reflect the values of sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity in all their professional responsibilities.

The Northridge Family is proud to announce that the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association has chosen **Jeff Lisath**, of Dayton Northridge High School, as the boys coach recipient. He will be honored at the 2023 OHSAA State Basketball Tournament, generally held in March.

Jeff Lisath is entering his 25th year as head coach. He has coached at Unioto High School, Chillicothe High School and Piketon High School before he started coaching here at Northridge. He has a career record of 340-221. *“Coach Jeff Lisath has transformed our basketball program by investing in and caring deeply for each and every student athlete,”* stated **Dave Jackson**, Superintendent. *“Coach holds extremely high expectations for attitude, behavior, sportsmanship and effort; and he develops the caring, difference making, positive relationships that allow our players to meet and even exceed those lofty expectations. Our culture and climate have been changed, not only on the basketball court, but in the classroom and community, because of Coach Lisath’s commitment to sportsmanship, ethical behavior and integrity! He is a true role model and leader, and others follow him eagerly and enthusiastically. Coach is a real difference maker within our Northridge Family, and he is so deserving of the OHSAA/OHSBCA SEI Award!”*

We are so proud of Mr. Lisath! We hope to have a big turn out of fans and supporters to watch Coach Lisath and the Polar Bears in action this season. The first Northridge boys basketball game is December 2, 2022 at Miami East. Games will begin at 5:45 p.m. The first game at home will be December 3, 2022 beginning at 5:45 p.m.



Varsity Basketball

Varsity Boys Basketball

Game time 7:15 p.m. unless noted.

December 2022

- 2 Miami East
- 3 National Trails* - 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Riverside*
- 10 Bellefontaine*
- 13 Covington*
- 16 Bethel
- 20 Troy Christian
- 27 Harvest Preparatory - TBA
- 29 Northeastern

January 2023

- 6 Milton-Union*
- 7 Arcanum
- 10 Lehman Catholic*
- 13 Miami East*
- 17 Butler*
- 20 Riverside
- 24 Covington
- 27 Bethel*
- 31 Troy Christian*

February 2023

- 3 Milton-Union
- 4 Oakwood
- 10 Lehman Catholic
- 11 Stivers*

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Coats for Kids 2022

This year our health services department has worked hard to ensure that Polar Bears are as warm as can be. Thanks to the generous donations from staff, alumni and community members, almost 120 Northridge students were given new or gently used coats for this winter. We would like to specifically thank former teacher **Deb Neal** and her mom, **Ronni Wilson, Branna Taulbee, Nikki Koopman** and **Victory Church** in Tipp City, Catholic Social Services, and **Mike Lehner** (pictured) who delivered an entire skid of coats from the *WTDN Coats for Kids Drive*.



Providing coats to Polar Bears is a part of the Northridge Local Schools HEADS UP Core Values - Understand and Meet Legitimate Needs. *"We will enthusiastically ask how we can help others. We will remove obstacles while offering patience, kindness, humility, respectfulness, selflessness, forgiveness, honesty and commitment."* It is an honor to collaborate with our community and serve students in this way!

2019 Northridge Grad Gives Back



Robbie Turner, NHS class of 2019, spoke with **Barb Mendoza's** Senior Seminar class, sharing his journey from high school to the present. After graduating from NHS, he enrolled at Sinclair Community College with his education paid for through Pell grants and various scholarships in nursing. He stayed for a semester and realized nursing

was not for him. He withdrew from Sinclair, put his education on hold, and joined the Ohio National Guard. Mr. Turner attended basic training for twelve weeks. During that time, he had a lot of time to reflect on his interests, since he was not allowed to use his cell phone during basic training. He considered pursuing a career in criminal justice, possibly a probation officer.

Upon graduation from basic training, Robbie committed to be a "Chemical Specialist," working one weekend a month for the Guard, while attending Wright State University as a full time student majoring in criminal justice. His tuition is completely covered by grants, the GI bill, and scholarships. He also earns \$400.00 a month, along with a housing stipend and refunds from his grants.

Robbie shared a final tidbit of wisdom with the senior class, a quote he lives by, *"Don't compare yourself to others ... Comparison is the thief of joy."* He concluded with these words, *"In this journey called life, you must be consistent, disciplined and committed to your own personal success!"*

Off to the Navy



NHS Senior **Asher Slagle** was sworn into the *United States Navy* on Monday, October 31st. He is currently enrolled in the delayed entry program and is scheduled to ship out on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

Asher's unit will be a part of the Military Engineers placed with the United States Naval Construction Battalion, better known as the Navy Seabees, from the U.S. Naval Construction Force (NCF). The Seabee nickname is a heterograph of the initial letters "CB" from the words Construction Battalion. This unit is responsible for building most of the temporary and permanent infrastructure of the U.S. military facilities around the world!

Way to go, Asher! We are very proud of you!



Holiday Hallways

The Jobs for Northridge Graduates (JAGS) students will be hosting a holiday event in the halls of Northridge Local Schools on Tuesday, December 6th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Holiday Hallways** is open to children in 5th grade and under who are accompanied by an adult. The JAGS students will be spaced throughout the cafeteria to offer craft/ornament making stations and there will be several organized games and activities planned for the children. Santa will be available in the media center for children to visit, and families are welcome to take their own photographs. There will also be stations set up to teach children about Hanukkah and Kwanzaa to encourage inclusion of those community members and promote cross cultural understanding.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and Harrison Township Fire Department have been invited, as well, to pass out candy or a small novelty. This event will be advertised by sending home flyers to the 740 Northridge Elementary students. The previous event hosted by the JAGS program, Halloween Hallways, was visited by 2000 people!

The purpose of this event is to not only provide an opportunity for children to celebrate the holidays with their families and to visit Santa, but also for JAGS to form partnerships with other community organizations and to be recognized as a course that empowers high school students to make a difference in the community. Donations and funds are needed to purchase craft supplies, toys/novelties, candy, and decorations. Please contact **Christie Richards**, JAGS teacher, at crichards@northridgeschools.org.

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EVENTS

15 Board of Education Meeting
- 5:00 p.m.



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- 29 Northeastern

Varsity Girls Basketball

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- 1 Riverside*
- 3 Covington* - 1:15 p.m.
- 6 Bradford*
- 8 Bethel
- 10 Troy Christian - 1:15 p.m.
- 15 Milton-Union*
- 17 Lehman Catholic* - 1:15 p.m.
- 22 Northeastern
- 27 Tri-County North* - 6:00 p.m.

Wrestling

- 3 Xenia Inv. - 9:00 a.m.
- 7 Northridge Inv.* - 6:00 p.m.
- 30 Gallia Academy - 10:00 a.m.

* Home

Weather Delays/Closings

Inclement weather during the winter months can result in school cancellations because of unsafe travel conditions. The primary considerations in the decision to delay, dismiss, or cancel school:

- safety of students and staff.
- street conditions.
- current weather and forecasts.
- status of bus fleet.
- condition of buildings and grounds.
- consultation with police, town-ship road department, and other schools.

The delay/closing options for the Northridge Schools are:

- **two-hour delay** - **ALL** schedules are adjusted two hours. Champions Preschool A.M. Session will be closed. (Breakfast will NOT be served.)
- **closed** - **ALL** buildings are closed.

The decision to close and/or delay school is usually broadcast by area TV, radio stations, and the district one-call system by 6:30 a.m. **In order to receive the district one-call, please contact your child's school to make sure they have your correct phone number on file.**

Annual Kiwanis Christmas Basket Project



This year the Northridge Kiwanis is continuing the annual tradition of the **Christmas Basket Project**. This will be the 66th year of serving Northridge children and community.

Each year the Kiwanis Club of Northridge pledges to bless a minimum of seventy-five (75) families with a basket of food that will ensure they have a good meal for Christmas. In addition to the dry grocery goods, they provide a \$50 gift card to Walmart to make sure that the families can purchase the protein and perishable items needed for their holiday meals. This year Kiwanis is teaming up with Northridge Elementary's Student Volunteer Corps to collect and sort canned goods or other donations.

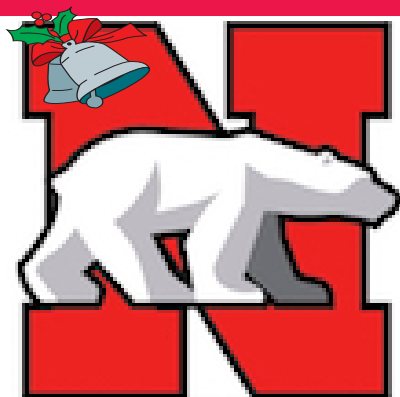
In addition to the canned goods, the Kiwanis Club also partners with the Northridge High School Key Club who goes on a shopping trip and purchases a gift for each child of the chosen families who are 12 years old and under. For those children older than 12, the Kiwanis Club provides a \$10 gift card to Walmart to each so they may purchase their own gift.

The goal is to provide a minimum of 2 cans of vegetables, 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 2 boxes of stuffing mix or boxed potatoes, 1 can of cranberry sauce or fruit, 1 jar of turkey gravy, 1 cake mix, and 1 cake icing. The Kiwanis will use all items donated in order to make a well-rounded meal for each chosen family. If you would like to help the Kiwanis by donating to the canned food drive, email **Ann Ewing** at aewing@northridgeschools.org. Monetary donations will be accepted, as well as, donations of wrapping paper and tape to the Northridge High School Key Club. You may email **Trish Engle** at tengle@northridgeschools.org.

The Kiwanis Club is also hosting their Annual Blind Christmas Auction the evening of December 1st in the Cub Cafe. Dinner is \$15.00 and will be from *Olive Garden*. This auction is a little different than most as all items are wrapped so you don't know what the wrapped item is you are bidding on, thus the *blind* auction. The auctioneer is Northridge teacher **Scott Uzzel** who makes the whole evening very entertaining!

Other donations to the Christmas Basket Project can be made to The Kiwanis Club of Northridge by contacting **Tina Fiore** at momfiore3@woh.rr.com.

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